GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

A.P. Reorganisation Act, 2014 – Harmonious and balanced growth of the State – Conducting periodic review and monitoring different welfare and development programmes implementing in North Coastal districts i.e., Uttarandhra Region of the State – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLITICAL.A) DEPARTMENT
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G.O. Rt. No.2004 dated:10-10-2023

ORDER:

The State of Andhra Pradesh, formed under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, completes a decade of its existence in the year 2024. During this period, a paradigm shift is brought in the approach towards welfare and development of the people for taking the governance to the doorsteps of the people by implementing welfare schemes in a direct benefit transfer mode, focusing on universal health services including enhanced 104 & 108 services, family physicians, establishment of new medical colleges, Village Secretariats & Ward Secretariats and Volunteer System., providing infrastructure facilities in Schools promotion of water grit industrial promotion. These steps demonstrate the unflinching commitment of the Government in its endeavour to ensure that *no citizen is left behind* by, implementing schemes are non-discriminatory by design and are implemented on a saturation basis, in a leak-proof manner, leveraging the latest technological advancements.

2. Government has been focusing on the overall development of backward areas of the State. Accordingly, the Adoni Area Development Authority has been established with headquarters at Adoni of Kurnool district, comprising the mandals that are part of (5) Assembly Constituencies viz., Mantralayam, Adoni, Aluru, Yemmiganuru and Pathikonda for overall development.

3. The North Coastal districts of the State, known as Uttarandhra, i.e., the districts constituting Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam, Visakhapatnam, Alluri Sitharama Raju and Anakapalli, continue to exhibit low socio-economic development indicators in terms of health, education, irrigation, intensity, connectivity etc. This area is also home to a large concentration of the Tribal and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) population in the State. Four out of five districts of the Region have been identified as Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs. Further, some of the districts of the Uttarandhra Region are covered by Backward Region Grant Fund. Two of the three aspirational districts identified by NITI, are in the Uttarandhra region.

4. Duly acknowledging the context of its historical backwardness, Section 46 (3) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 provides for incentives and special development for the North Coastal Region i.e, Uttarandhra of the State.

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5. Therefore, Government has been focusing on the overall development of North Coastal district i.e., Uttarandhra region. During the visits of the Chief Minister to the said districts and meetings of the District Review Committees, plans are being prepared / decisions are being taken to focus on the all-round development of these districts. This entails frequent visits of the officials and constant monitoring of the welfare and development schemes of the region.

6. In view of the above, the following orders are issued with immediate effect:-

(i) the Secretaries to Government, Heads of Departments and Special officers shall visit the North Coastal districts regularly, for conducting periodic review and monitoring of the welfare and development programmes, implementation of Chief Minister's Assurances and decisions taken in the District Review Meetings.

(ii) they shall undertake field visits along with District Officials/night halts in the North Coastal districts, to familiarize themselves with local requirements and development.

(iii) they shall develop the project implementation tracking mechanism of the schemes and programmes being implemented in the said districts.

(iv) for this purpose, the respective Departments may make their own arrangements for transit accommodation in and surrounding areas of Visakhapatnam.

(v) the Planning Department shall act as Nodal Agency.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
All the Special Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries / Secretaries to Government.
All the Heads of Departments.
The Planning Department.
Copy to:
All the Departments of Secretariat.
The Collectors & District Magistrate of North Coastal districts.
All Officers in the Chief Minister's Office.
The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government.
The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Government (Political).
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